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MEETINGS.

STATED CONVENTION OF THE RICHMOND RAILROAD COMPANY. The annual meeting of the Richmond Railroad Company will be held at the company's office, on Wednesday, November 13, 1876, at 10 o'clock. The business to be transacted is the election of directors and the presentation of the annual report.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 10, L. O. E. The members of this lodge will meet at their lodge, on Thursday, November 14, 1876, at 7 o'clock. The business to be transacted is the election of officers and the presentation of the annual report.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1876.

WEATHER REPORT.

PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.—Washington, November 15.—For the South Atlantic States, colder northwest winds, stationary or rising barometer, cloudy or partly cloudy weather.

For the Middle States, rising barometer, northeast to northwest winds, cooler, partly cloudy, and clearing weather.

Cautionary signals continue at Cape May, Barnegat, and Atlantic City.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cloudy and threatening during the early part of the day. At night it was cooler.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 54; 9 A. M., 57; 3 P. M., 64; 8 P. M., 56; midnight, 46.

LOCAL MATTERS.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE JAMES RIVER AND KANAWHA COMPANY. APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER.

Messrs. James M. Spiller, J. M. Walker, and John B. Robertson have filed a petition in the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond asking that the Court take the property of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company and its control, and appoint a receiver therefor.

The petitioners (who represent that they are bondholders), after stating the facts upon which they rely, charge:

I. That under the existing management of the property and affairs of the James River and Kanawha Company, which has controlled its business for many years past, the said company has become insolvent.

II. That under said management the creditors of said company have already suffered great injury, and are in danger of suffering still greater injury.

III. That the management aforesaid has burdened the treasury of the company with the needless and large expense of superfluous officers, who have rendered no valuable service; and that \$6,000 per annum has been lost to the company by the employment of said superfluous officers.

IV. That the management aforesaid has made default in the payment of interest on both of its said mortgage debts to such an extent as entitles the bondholders to demand a foreclosure of said mortgages.

V. That the present management of said company has committed serious breaches of the trust created and placed in it, in failing to apply and distribute the revenues of the company towards paying the interest upon said mortgage debts according to their relative priorities and legal dignity, in applying such revenues, to a large extent arbitrarily, to pay in some instances debts of inferior dignity in derogation of those of a higher legal right to satisfaction, and in paying accrued interest in full to some creditors, and failing to pay others in the same class who were demanding payment, and that your orators have suffered this injury at the hands of said management.

VI. That the said company has committed a breach of trust in assigning to the city of Lynchburg the yearly rents of water-power at said city as a security for the loan of \$35,000 of the bonds of said city, said rents being legally and justly payable only to the accruing interest on said first-mortgage bonds.

VII. That the financial condition of said company, having already become one of absolute insolvency, is steadily growing worse in the accumulation of indebtedness over and beyond its revenues, and that the trust property is steadily being dissipated in value.

That the said company is preparing to alienate and transfer to another corporation the valuable works, property, rights-of-way, and franchises of the company upon the line of the location for the extension of its canal beyond Buchanan, in flagrant violation of the vested rights of your orators, and of the holders of the first and second mortgage bonds aforesaid, for whose benefits the said subjects of property were conveyed by said deeds of trust.

IX. That the present management of the company is spending its revenues in furtherance of the same, and that the same are illegal and have no reasonable promise of returning any benefit to said company.

Marye & Fitzhugh and John B. Robertson are counsel for complainants.

DEATH OF A MINISTER.—Rev. W. S. Bland, pastor of Bethel and Bethlehem Baptist churches, of Chesterfield county, died on Saturday last, and was buried on Sunday. Memorial services will be held at both of his churches at an early day. Rev. D. B. Winfree, D. D., of Manchester, and Rev. J. B. Jones, D. D., of Rev. J. B. Garland, D. D., of this city, have been invited to deliver addresses.

STATE TAXES.—Tax-payers should remember that the State taxes are now due at the office of William P. Ragland, assistant treasurer, No. 13 Eleventh street, and that if they are not paid on or before the 30th instant five per cent. will be added to all bills. It will save much inconvenience to pay these taxes before the great rush of next week makes it difficult to gain access to the Treasurer's office.

A SNATCH-THIEF CAPTURED AND SENT TO THE GRAND JURY.—On Tuesday afternoon, while Mrs. Catherine Bell and her daughter were standing on Broad street near the corner of Tenth, Robert Burkes, a notorious thief, snatched a pocket-book from Mrs. Bell's hands and ran off. He was captured and taken to the station-house. Justice White yesterday, after hearing the facts in the case, committed Burkes to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

PREPARING TO PAY ELECTION EXPENSES. The Council Committee on Elections will meet to-morrow at half-past 12 o'clock to consider the bills of the late elections. Judges, registrars, and others who have claims, would do well to present them before the committee meeting. The session will be held in the Auditor's office, in the City Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG AND POTOMAC RAILROAD COMPANY. The annual meeting of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company was held yesterday, but in the absence of a quorum the stockholders adjourned until 4 P. M. on the 28th instant.

THE RACES NEXT WEEK.—Mr. Thomas L. Crouch is making arrangements for a grand running race at the Fair-Grounds track on the 21st, 22d, and 23d instant. A number of northern and some of our best local horses will enter for the purse. Ample preparations for a large number of visitors will be made.

AMBULANCE CALL.—There was one ambulance call yesterday—from G. O. Wolf & Co. for a lady at Ford's Hotel, who fell and sprained her ankle.

GOOD FOR JAMES RIVER.—The schooner M. D. Jackson, 420 tons capacity, drawing 10 feet, chartered by the Chesapeake and Ohio wharves yesterday. She was loaded with plaster.

MURDER TRIAL.—The trial of Miles Riddle, charged with murder, is set for to-day in the Hustings Court.

SCHUBERT'S AND HARTNER'S MONTHLIES and Demorest's Magazine for December received from J. T. Elyson, 1112 Main street.

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METHODIST CONFERENCE.

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION. OPENING EXERCISES—STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED—THE PUBLISHING HOUSE—RELATIONS OF CHURCH NORTH AND SOUTH—ELDERS EXAMINED—PERSONAL.

The Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of South Virginia met in their eighty-second annual session in Broad Street Church at 9 o'clock yesterday. Rev. H. H. Kavanagh, D. D., of Kentucky, presiding. The opening exercises, consisting of singing the hymn commencing "And are yet alive," reading the scriptures, and praying, were conducted by him and Rev. George W. Nolley.

Rev. J. H. Whitehead and P. A. Peterson were elected secretary and assistant secretary respectively.

The presiding elder and ministers of Richmond and Manchester were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

The appointment of standing committees was then in order, each delegate nominating one clerical and one lay delegate for each committee. The first was the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, and is as follows:

Richmond District.—Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., and Thomas Branch.

Charlottesville District.—Rev. J. S. Hunter and Professor F. H. Smith.

Richmond District.—Rev. Wesley C. Vade and Thomas Whitehead.

Danville District.—Rev. James W. Bledsoe and Dr. R. E. Bouldin.

Farmville District.—Rev. J. O. Moss and T. T. Pettus.

Murresboro' District.—Rev. R. N. Sled and W. T. H. Mason.

Norfolk District.—Rev. William E. Edwards and J. T. West.

Randolph-Macon District.—Rev. J. S. R. Clarke and William T. Chandler.

Eastern Shore District.—Rev. James A. Ames and T. W. Anderson.

The following committee was appointed on PUBLISHING INTERESTS:

Richmond District.—Rev. H. C. Cheatham and Dr. G. Anderson.

Charlottesville District.—Rev. F. J. Boggs and J. O. Shepherd.

Lynchburg District.—Rev. W. E. Jenkins and M. H. Garland.

Danville District.—Rev. H. C. Bowles and J. P. Ragland.